pleased to consider this aspect of the question also since boats have to pay income-tax?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Considering the inexpediency, difficulty and impropriety of not observing the provisions of the Income-tax Regulation, Government regret they cannot do anything in the matter.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Have not the Government already given an assurance that the matter of the complexity of taxation on motor boats will be looked into?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—I do not find any such promise given.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know whether during this Council any assurance was given by the Member for Engineering that the matter will be sympathetically looked into?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—An assurance was given that those imposts will be sympathetically looked into. The Hon'ble Member forgets the fact that it is profits which the boat-owners derive after providing for all justifiable expenditure that are tax ed. The question of other levies does not arise in this connection. If there are no profits then there is no income-tax also.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Now I am asking whether that fact will not also be a relevant factor in considering the difficulty of the boat owners.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—It is only after meeting those charges such as license fee, inspection fee, etc., that the question of income-tax arises.

Applications for appointments in Government service from unrepresented communities.

307. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government show the total number of applicants to Government posts from unrepresented communities who have not yet been provided and state how they intend to absorb them ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The question is too general to admit of a definite answer.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know, Sir, what more definiteness you require than the total number of applicants to Government posts from unrepresented communities?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The year for which this information is required.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—All the pending ones.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—In the absence of the information regarding the period we have not collected the information. If theMember now says that he wants information

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regarding all theapplications made to Government for appointment we shall try to collect that.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know, Sir, whether the Government will be able to consider the applications of those unrepresented communities favourably in making appointments early next year?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That has been answered several times. Of course they will be considered.

Statistics on the growth of foreign trade.

308. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to Question 37, dated 31st July 1953, regarding the growth of our Foreign trade, will the Government state whether any attempts were made to collect statistics ; and

if made, the nature and result of the attempts, and if not made, the reasons for the same ?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—No.

At present there is no agency to collect such statistics.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know, Sir, why the Government could not collectthese statistics for themselves?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—It is very difficult to collect these statistics. Goods are imported into Cochin and exported from the State. You want the value of those articles. There is no possibility to collect those figures. We have no agency to collect those figures. We have got transport from Chittur to Pollachi and other places by bullock carts and head loads.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know, Sir, whether the Government have considered the desirability of having some agency for collecting such information?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—Even if such an agency is introduced it is not possible to collect this information. We have to post men at all the railway stations and then we have to see whether all the articles are intended for Cochin, Travancore or British.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Are the Government aware that some other Governments keep statistics?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—We are not aware of that.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—My enquiry was whether the Government has thought it necessary to have some agency to collect such statistics.

President.—The Hon'ble Member replied to that.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—Have the Government any idea of the production and consumption of the State, agricultural, industrial and every thing?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—We have no information.

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